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Persons considering a technician's career in the electronics specialties of telecommunications, home entertainment or the rapidly expanding field of electronic business machines should take steps now to apply for the 10-month limited-enrolment programs offered by Cariboo College.

Under a new streamlined schedule adopted by the College according to Educational Vice-Principal A.J. Wright, qualified enrollees will be accepted for two of the specialties only in the fall term beginning in September.

Those interested in the newest option, the servicing of the increasingly sophisticated new business machines, can begin their training early in 1980, but would do well to confer with College counsellors and instructors ahead of time, Wright added. Instructor Mark Foan is currently attending an updating session on the latest photocopying equipment.

He and fellow instructors Al Green and Don Graham have found that the most successful training schedule entails five months of basic electronics (theory and practice) followed by five months of concentration on the selected option.

The basic course consists of a daily two hours of classroom work and four hours of hands-on training in the College's electronics shop. Among the subjects covered are: AC and DC circuit analysis, electronic test instruments, power supplies, signal generation circuits, vacuum tubes and transistor configurations.

After Christmas or in midsummer the student then focuses on his chosen specialty, working on a variety of machines and equipment and qualifying at the end of the next five months for an Electronic Technician's Certificate.

Applicants must have completed Grade 12 or equivalent, including Mathematics 11 and one of Physics 11, Chemistry 11, or Electronics 12. Additional background in mathematics, physics and chemistry is desirable but not essential.

Further information can be obtained from the Registrar's Office at Cariboo College (374-0123).

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